

**Minutes of the Judiciary and Law Enforcement Committee
April 17, 2015**

Chair Peter Wolff called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Committee Members Present: County Board Supervisors Peter Wolff, Carl Pettis, Kathleen Cummings, Michael Crowley, Robert Kolb, and Janel Brandtjen. **Absent:** Jim Batzko.

Also Present: Legislative Policy Advisor Sarah Spaeth, Administrative Specialist Karen Phillips, Business Manager Lyndsay Johnson, Senior Financial Analyst Aaron Daul, Jail Administrator Mike Giese, Inspector Jim Gumm and Financial Analyst Joshua Joost.

Approve Minutes of March 13, 2015

MOTION: Crowley moved, second by Pettis to approve the minutes of March 13, 2015. Motion carried 6-0.

Executive Committee Report of March 16, 2015

Wolff reviewed the items discussed at the March 16 Executive Committee meeting:

- IT updates which included the following: cyber security review, election system, HHS core enterprise system, Walworth County medical examiner support, IntelliTime, countywide cashing, enterprise content management and business objects enterprise
- 2 appointments were approved
- Ordinance 169-O-100 relative to recycling and the MRF was approved

Future Agenda Items

- 2014 Jury Report Presentation
- Update on Sheriff's Department Recruitment Plan

Set Future Meeting Dates: May and June 2015

The committee members discussed possible alternate meeting dates for the May and June committee meetings.

Gumm, Johnson, Giese and Joost were present to discuss the following five ordinances:

Ordinance 170-O-012: Amend Sheriff's Department 2015 Budget For Expenditure Of Donated Funds

Gumm discussed this ordinance which amends the 2015 budget of the Sheriff's Department to appropriate \$10,000 in donated funds to purchase canine handler travel and training associated with the replacement of a current canine unit.

Gumm further explained the circumstances involved in replacing a canine determined to have a medical issue. While the dog is still under warranty and can be exchanged for a replacement dog, training and travel expenses are not included under the limitations of the warranty.

MOTION: Brandtjen moved, second by Cummings to approve Ordinance 170-O-012. Motion carried 6-0.

Ordinance 170-O-013: Accept Two Donated Trunk Vaults For The Canine Unit

Gumm discussed this ordinance which authorizes the Sheriff's Department to accept two trunk vaults for the Canine Unit donated by the Waukesha Deputy Sheriff's Association and valued at approximately \$5,200. The vaults will cost approximately \$160 to install in the new replacement vehicles for the canine unit, which will be funded from the Sheriff's Department operating budget.

MOTION: Brandtjen moved, second by Cummings to approve Ordinance 170-O-013. Motion carried 6-0.

Ordinance 170-O-014: Modify Budget To Appropriate Funds To Restore The 2015 Jail Equipment Replacement Plan

Gumm discussed this ordinance which appropriates \$105,000 in prior year jail assessment revenue to restore the 2015 jail equipment replacement program funds that were diverted for an emergency repair of the jail security electronics system. He recapped the discussion of the jail security electronics system matrix from last month's committee meeting. The restored funding will be used for planned purchases as itemized in the fiscal note.

MOTION: Crowley moved, second by Cummings to approve Ordinance 170-O-014. Motion carried 6-0.

Ordinance 170-O-015: Amend The Sheriff's Department 2015 Budget For The Expenditure Of National Drug Control Policy Cooperative Agreement Funds For The Development And Broadcast Of Public Service Announcements

Gumm discussed this ordinance which authorizes the Sheriff's Department to accept High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) cooperative funding in the amount of \$11,250. The funds will be used for the development and broadcast of public service announcements in partnership with Waukesha County Drug Free Communities. The public service announcements are anticipated to reach approximately 1,230 high school students and 384,000 movie attendees at four Marcus theaters in Waukesha County over a twelve-week broadcast period.

MOTION: Crowley moved, second by Cummings to approve Ordinance 170-O-015. Motion carried 6-0.

Ordinance 170-O-016: Amend The 2015 Sheriff's Department Budget And Approve The Expenditure Of Seized Funds For The Purchase Of Tasers And Technology- April 2015

Gumm discussed this ordinance which amends the 2015 Sheriff's Department budget by appropriating \$32,800 of seized fund reserve fund balance to purchase 30 tasers and technology (cellular phone) for command staff to enhance law enforcement efforts. Gumm stated the purchased tasers would be issued to deputies who currently do not have one and/or those who need a replacement.

In response to questions posed by Brandtjen and Kolb, Gumm discussed the useful life expectancy for tasers and manufacturers' recommendations. He explained that even though the tasers may have not been used, they are routinely tested to determine whether replacement is necessary.

In response to Cummings question, Johnson and Gumm explained there is little to no equipment replacement plan for sworn staff. Funding will become even more challenging due to the anticipated decrease in seized funds in the future, and may have be addressed through the budget process.

MOTION: Brandtjen moved, second by Kolb to approve Ordinance 170-O-016. Motion carried 6-0.

Legislative Update

Spaeth stated that the Joint Finance Committee (JFC) voted to approve the governor's recommendation to create a circuit court block grant. The proposal was modified to delay the consolidation of appropriations until the second year of the biennium in order to provide the Director of State Courts time to determine how to implement the changes.

The JFC removed the countywide assessment proposal from the budget. While it will not be enacted as part of the budget bill, it could be introduced as separate legislation in the future.

MOTION: Cummings moved, second by Kolb to adjourn the meeting at 8:54 a.m. Motion carried 6-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Batzko
Secretary